

Common Skills for Young Marine Sgt to SSgt updated Sept 09

YOUNG MARINES FACTS AND INFO

- 1) When and where the Young Marines organization began. 1958 Waterbury CT.
- 2) The date the official charter was issued to the Young Marines. Oct 17th 1965
- 3) The date membership was extended to female Young Marines. 1975
- 4) The date the organization went international. 1995 First Unit in Okinawa Japan
- 5) What is the main focal point for the Young Marine program? Drug demand Reduction.
- 6) What are the Young Marines Core values? Discipline, leadership, teamwork
- 7) What are the Young Marines 4 general orders?

YMGO #1 – While on firewatch I will remain awake and alert until relieved by my replacement or authorized adult.

YMGO #2 – I will enforce all orders given me by the adult in charge.

YMGO #3 – I will report all dangerous activity immediately to the adult in charge.

YMGO #4 – I will never forget that I am a Young Marine and will perform my duties to the best of my ability.

OBLIGATIONS AND PATRIOTIC VERSUS

The Young Marine Recruit must recite from memory the:

1) Young Marine Obligation

From this day forward, I sincerely promise, I will set an example for all other youth to follow and I shall never do anything that would bring disgrace or dishonor upon my God, my Country, and its flag, my parents, myself, or the Young Marines. These I will honor and respect in a manner that will reflect credit upon them and myself.
Semper Fidelis

2) Young Marine Creed

- 1) Obey my parents and all others in charge of me whether young or old.
- 2) Keep myself neat at all times without other people telling me to.
- 3) Keep myself clean in mind by attending the church of my faith.
- 4) Keep my mind alert to learn in school, at home or at play.
- 5) Remember having self-discipline will enable me to control by body and mind in case of an emergency.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance, to the flag, of the United States of America – and to the republic, for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all

4) First verse of the National Anthem

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed, at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming,
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there,
Oh say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

5) First verse of the Young Marine Hymn
From the North and from the South we'll come
From the East and from the West
We will all enlist into the Young Marines
And forever do our best
From the halls of all our grammar schools
To the shores of all our lakes
We will be the finest Young Marines
No matter what it takes
Let the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts march;
Let the Cub Scouts strut and beam
Oh, you haven't seen the greatest yet
Till you've seen the Young Marines
We salute the sailor boys in blue
And the Army in their greens
We are proud to bear the title of
The U.S. Young Marines.



6) Recite the American creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

—Written 1917, accepted by the United States House of Representatives on April 3, 1918.

MARINE CORPS HISTORY AND TRADITIONS

1) The three parts of the Marine Corps Emblem and what they stand for. The eagle stands for air service, the globe for land service, and the anchor for sea service.

2) What Semper Fidelis means. "Always Faithful".

3) What the term Leatherneck means. The fact that United States Marines wore a black leather stock, or collar, from 1798 to 1880 may have given rise to the name. According to tradition, the stock was originally worn to protect the jugular vein from a slash of a saber or cutlass. However, official records fail to bear this out.

4) The birthdate and location of the Marine Corps. The birthdate of the Marine Corps is November 10th, 1775. Location was Tun Tavern Phila. PA

5) Who the "Grand Old Man" of the Marine Corps is. Colonel Archibald Henderson. Colonel Henderson was to become known as the "Grand Old Man" of the Marine Corps after serving as its 5th Commandant from 1820 to 1859. He held this post for 39 years

6) What the term Teufel Hunde means and where it originates. During the battle of Belleau Wood, Marines fought with such ferocity that the Germans in

their official reports referred to them as “Teufel Hunde” (devil-dogs).

7) Who Major Alfred A Cunningham is and what he contributed to the Marine Corps. Major Alfred A. Cunningham is known as the first Marine Corps Aviator or “The Father of USMC Aviation”.

8) Where Mount Suribachi is and its significance to the Marine Corps. Iwo Jima Japan. Iwo Jima is the sight of the most famous Marine flag raising.

9) Who the first enlisted Woman Marine is. The first enlisted Woman Marine was Opha Mae Johnson.

10) Who the first Commandant of the Marine Corps is. Captain Samuel Nicholas

11) Whats the name of the United States Marine band? The Presidents own

12) Date of the Flag raising on Mount Suribachi? Feb 19th 1945

13) What year did the Marine Corps adopted the Eagle, globe, Anchor as their emblem? 1868 this emblem is the oldest of all US military

CUSTOMS AND COURTESY

The Young Marine PFC must know:

1) How to properly perform the Hand Salute

2) When not to salute. Young Marines do not salute indoors unless otherwise directed by the unit commander.

3) How to properly address other Young Marines. Address the more senior Young Marine by rank or rank and last name then state your business. When the conversation is ended, Say thank you and return to your business.

4) How to properly address all adults. Address the adult leader by their appropriate title Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms./Dr./Officer/Detective/Instructor, etc. and their last name, or “sir”/“ma’am” if you do not know their title. If the adult leader is on active duty or in the reserves or retired from the armed forces and their military rank is known, all Young Marines will address them by rank and last name.

5) What to do when the National anthem is played. Rendering Honors to the National Colors and National Anthem. Young Marines in and out of uniform will always come to their feet and stand at attention for the United States Flag and/or the National Anthem. In Uniform. If outdoors, The Young Marine will stand at Attention and render the proper hand salute until the Flag is six paces past the Young Marine. If indoors, the Young Marine, if uncovered, will stand at Attention until the Flag pass six paces beyond. If covered, by direction, the Young Marine will salute. Out of Uniform. The Young Marine will stand at Attention until the Flag is six paces past the Young Marine. The Young Marine will place the right hand over their heart. If the Young Marine is wearing a cap, the Young Marine will remove the cap from their head with their right hand and place the cap over heart

6) What is the National Ensign. When the American Flag is flown aboard ship it is know as the National Ensign

7) The date of Flag Day. June 14th

- 8) Who wrote the Star-Spangled-Banner. **Francis Scott Key**
- 9) The only two flags that can be flown above the American Flag. **United Nation Flag and a church flag**
- 10) What the Congressional Act of 1954 is. **In 1954, Congress after a campaign by the Knights of Columbus, added the words, "under God," to the Pledge.**
- 11) Where does the National Colors belong in a Color guard? **Always to the right of all other Carried flags**
- 12) What is the Name of the First U.S. Flag? **Grand Union flag, the Congress flag, the Continental Colors**
- 13) When can a star be added to the American Flag? **A law of Apr4, 1818 that resulted requires that a star be added for each new state on the 4th of July after its admission**

UNIFORM AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE

The Young Marine PFC must know:

1. How to wear the Young Marine breast pocket patch. **Worn with Young Marine breast pocket patch centered above the left breast pocket, 1/8-inch above the pocket**
2. Where the nametape is worn on the shirt and trousers. **Nametapes will be sewn over the right rear pocket of the trousers, centered and flush over the top seam**
3. How ribbons are worn on the uniform. **Ribbons are worn so that the lowest row of ribbons is 1/8-inch above the left breast pocket patch and centered**
4. (MALES) How Young Marine males wear their hair. **Hair will be short enough so that it does not touch the ears or hang on the nape of the neck**
5. (FEMALES) How Young Marine females wear their hair. **Hair may touch the collar, but will not fall below the collar's lower edge. Hair that would fall naturally below the collar's lower edge will be neatly and inconspicuously fastened or pinned.**
6. What jewelry is permitted in uniform. **The only jewelry permitted is watches, medical items, religious medallions, class or Young Marines ring. All jewelry will be removed for physical training activities.**
7. Where to mark T-shirts **inside back collar**
8. Where to mark covers. **Inside on the sweatband.**
9. Where to mark boots. **Shoes/Boots. Inside near the top.**

RANK, RATINGS AND INSIGNIA

The Young Marine PFC must know:

- 1) All Young Marine ranks and describe what each looks like.

Basic Rank

YM Private (No Insignia)

YM Private First Class (1 Stripe)

YM Lance Corporal (1 Stripe w/ crossed rifles)

Jr. YM RANK

YM Corporal (2 Stripes w/ crossed rifles)

YM Sergeant (3 Stripes w/ crossed rifles)

SR.YM Rank

YM Staff Sergeant (3 Stripes w/ crossed rifles and 1 rocker)

YM Gunnery Sergeant (3 Stripes w/ crossed rifles and 2 rockers)

Advance YM RANK

YM Master Sergeant (3 Stripes with crossed rifles and 3 rockers)

YM Master Gunnery Sergeant (3 Stripes with bursting bomb 4 rockers)

YM First Sergeant (3 Stripes with Diamond and 3 rockers)

YM Sergeant Major (3 Stripes with star and 4 rockers)

2) What the one enlisted rank in the Marine Corps that the Young Marines do not have and explain what it looks like. **Sergeant Major Of the Marine corps. The Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps has an Eagle, Globe, Anchor in the place of his star on his rank insignia**

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) Who is the Division Commander? **Mr. George Biedenbender**
- 2) Who the Director Of the Young Marines program? **Mr. Mike Kessler**
- 3) Who the Unit Commander is. **Mr. William Molitor**
- 4) What a Squad is. **A squad is a group of individuals formed for the purpose of instruction, The SQD has not more than eight (8) Young Marines.**
- 5) What a Platoon is. **The Platoon has not more than twenty-five (25) Young Marines**
- 6) The duties of the Sergeant of the Guard. **The Young Marine Color Sergeant is the senior Sergeant on the color guard.**
- 7) Team Leader Duties. **As a Young Marine team leader, your responsibility is to the members of your team. You are responsible for their safety and training. Additionally, you must ensure your team is well informed.**

CLOSE ORDER DRILL

- 1) What one purpose of drill is. **Close Order Drill is used for a few different reasons. One is to move you as a group from one place to another all at the same time and in step with each other. It is also used to instill discipline, teamwork**

- 2) What a preparatory command is. **The preparatory command is the command that tells you to get ready to do something.**
- 3) What a command of execution is. **The command of execution is the command that tells you to do it.**
- 4) How many steps per minute in Quick time? **120, 30inch steps per minute**

MILITARY TERMS AND JARGON

- 1) What “as you were” means. **Cancel the previous command, or go back to what you were doing**
- 2) What a “bulkhead” is. **wall**
- 3) What “carry on” means. **Continue with what you were doing**
- 4) What a “deck” is. **Floor**
- 5) What “Esprit de Corps” means. **Readiness for action and courage**
- 6) What “Field Day” means. **General housecleaning. When a field day is performed, every thing is cleaned from top to bottom.**
- 7) What “Gung Ho” means. **Can Do!**
- 8) What a “hatch” is. **Door**
- 9) What a “head” is. **Bathroom**
- 10) What a “ladder” is. **Stairway**
- 11) What an “Overhead” is. **Ceiling**
- 12) What “Pogey Bait” is. **Snacks**
- 13) What “Police” is. **Clean up**
- 14) What “Port” means. **Left side**
- 15) What “Starboard” means. **Right side**

PERSONAL HYGIENE

- 1) How often to brush their teeth. **Brush your teeth and use floss at least twice a day**
- 2) How long to boil water for drinking. **No matter where you have collected your water in the wilderness,bring water to a rolling boil, then cool, before drinking.**

Qualified field

- 1) What does the Acronym C.O.L.D. stand for? **Clean Clothes, avoid Overheating, loose clothing, stay dry**
- 2) There are nine personal equipment items that should be carried in your pocket while camping in the field name 3 of them? **Whistle, Pocket Knife, Personal ID, Map & Compass, Matches, Small Survival kit, Lip Balm, Notepad and Pencil, Small Flashlight.**
- 3) What should you do with water found in the field? **bring it to a rolling boil, then cool, before drinking**
- 4) Name 3 ways to care for a rope? **Do not step on it, keep it dry, store coiled**
- 5) Name the 3 components to start a fire? **Fuel, oxygen, heat**
- 6) When Choosing a campsite what should you look for?
 - A) A site with water nearby
 - b) A site on high ground to permit drainage from rain and some freedom from some bugs
 - c) A large enough area for living quarters
 - D) A site up wind from the restrooms
 - E) A site away from swamps and stagnant water where mosquitoes breed.
- 7) What is traversing? **Reduces the angle of a very steep slope by walking across rather than straight up.**

Map & Compass

- 1) There are many different types of maps name 3 of them? **Political maps, road maps, Topographical maps**
- 2) Name the 5 basic colors of a topographical map and what they stand for? **Red—is used for paved roads and highway numbers—it is also used to shade in areas of urban development;**
Brown—is used for contour lines, contour elevations, spot elevations, sand, cliffs, and other geological features;
Blue—is used for water or permanent ice features (like rivers, lakes, swamps and ice fields), names of water features, and the grid lines;
Green—is used for vegetation features like woods, orchards and vineyards;
Black—is used for cultural features (buildings, railways, transmission lines, etc.), toponymy (place names), some symbols and precise elevations.
- 3) Name the 3 Norths? **Magnetic North, True north, Grid North**
- 4) Name the 3 main parts of a Compass? **Base, Dial, Needle**
- 5) What is an Azimuth? **Azimuth is fancy name for direction, The azimuth angle is the compass bearing, relative to true north, of a point on the horizon directly beneath an observed object**
- 6) What are the 4 Cardinal Points on a compass? **North, East, South, West**

First Aid

- 1) What is First Aid? **First Aid is immediate care given to a victim until Emergency Medical Services can be obtained.**
- 2) What are the three most important considerations in basic emergency first aid? **The three important considerations in basic emergency first aid are stopping bleeding, restoring breathing, and treating for shock.**
- 3) Should the use of a tourniquet be part of basic first aid in the control of bleeding? **The answer to that should most likely be no. The only time a tourniquet should be used in a first aid situation is in the case of a major injury such as a severed limb.**
- 4) What are the 3 types of Bleeding? **Arterial, venial, capillary**

Leadership

- 1) What is leadership? **The ability to guide, direct or influence people**
- 2) What are the 14 leadership traits? **Integrity, Knowledge, Courage, Decisiveness, Dependability, initiative, Tact, Justice, Enthusiasm, Bearing, Endurance, Unselfishness, Loyalty, Judgment**
- 3) Name the three types of Leadership? **Authoritative, Participative, Free Rein**
- 4) What is Esprit de Corps? **The feeling of camaraderie among members of a group or an organization**
- 5) Name 3 of the 11 Leadership principles?
 - a. **Take responsibility for your actions and the actions of your Young Marines**
 - b. **Know yourself and seek self improvement**
 - c. **Set the example**
 - d. **Develop your subordinates**
 - e. **Ensure that a job is understood, then supervise it and carry it through to completion**
 - f. **Know your Young Marines and look after their welfare**
 - g. **Every Young Marine should be kept informed**
 - h. **Set goals you can reach**
 - i. **Make sound and timely decisions**
 - j. **Know your job**
 - k. **Teamwork**

Government

- 1) The three branches of Government are? **Legislative , Executive, Judicial**

National/Unit Promotion requirements

Newly promoted Young Marine Sgt's should be given the Senior Guidebook so that they can begin studying for the next rank.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- i. Does the Young Marine practice good citizenship and leadership.
- ii. . Does the Young Marine participate in school, home, and outside activities.
- iii. . Does the Young Marine pass the required PFT's/HFT's or show improving effort at each test.
- iv. Does the Young Marine practice good personal and other habits to include regular attendance of scheduled meetings and unit events.
- v. . Is the Young Marine mature enough to handle the rank they are being recommended for.

The Young Marine needs a sign intention to promote form
Meet the units point system score 440 out of 500 possible points
Must retain current rank for 10 months to promote to Sgt to SSgt
Has Perform 100 hrs of community service to date
Guidebook requirements must be sign off
Re-certify in CPR

Pass the National Junior Exam.

The Young Marine needs a score of 200 or better or show improving score on their PFT/HFT.

Below Guidebook requirements must be sign off

Completed sections Objective 1 Close Order drill review section EO1, EO2, EO6, EO13, EO14, EO16, EO19

Completed sections Objective 2 Essential Subjects review section EO1, EO2, EO4

Completed sections Objective 3 Qualified Field review section EO1, EO4

Completed and know sections Objective 4 map & compass section – EO1, EO2

Completed sections Objective 5 Drug resistance review section EO1, EO2

Completed sections Objective 6 Public Speaking review section EO1, EO2, EO4

Completed sections Objective 7 Leadership review section EO1, EO2, EO4, EO6, EO7

Completed sections Objective 8 citizenship review section EO1, EO2

Completed sections Objective 9 physical fitness/first aid review section EO1a-c, EO2a-e, EO2m, EO2o, EO3

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